

Breaking Away: A Wrecking Crew Story

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PAGE 1

1: Establishing shot of a Canadian jail. It is a modern looking facility in the middle of the wilderness. It looks almost incongruous with the mountains and huge trees around it.

CAPTION:
Maximum Security Jail. Northern Manitoba.

2: We're in a small little common area of the prison. It is very institutional and bland. There are a few guards in the room and a few other inmates.

Bulldozer and Thunderball are playing checkers in the corner of a room. Bulldozer is hunched over and really paying attention to the checkers, his body language is like he is almost looking away from what Thunderball is doing. Thunderball is staring someone down off panel. You can feel the menace coming off of him. It is like he is looking out at the reader.

THUNDERBALL
(whispering to Piledriver):
Come on and go. We need to do this, already...

3. Close up on Thunderball. Piledriver leans into frame and slips something small and metallic into Thunderball's hand. It looks like a pretty shady hand off. Thunderball keeps his death stare at the reader but he is whispering something to Piledriver from the side of his mouth.

BULLDOZER
Don't rush me, Thunderball. I'm trying to think about my move.

THUNDERBALL
(whispering)
Not you, Bulldozer....

4. Piledriver has a huge cocky smile on his face, clearly relishing what he is doing. He is standing behind Thunderball who is still giving off his death stare. Bulldozer is trying to look away. He clearly does not like what is about to happen, but he is interested to see it play out.

THUNDERBALL
(whispering)
...him.

PILEDRIVER
It wasn't as hard to make as I thought.

5. Bulldozer stands behind Thunderball.

PILEDRIVER
Well look at us! The Wrecking Crew
behind bars again...

6. The Wrecker is mopping the floor of the common area, with a stocked janitor cart behind him. He is bitter and clearly hating the job, but he isn't broken by it. He is agitated about being called out by Piledriver. A guard is near by.

PILEDRIVER
(off panel)
...and our leader, the damn Wrecker
himself, mopping our floors!

PAGE 2

1. Wide shot, establishing that the Wrecking Crew and Wrecker are across the room from each other, but because the room is kind of small, not really that far apart. Wrecker has turned his back to the team and continues mopping. Thunderball remains unmoved. Piledriver is getting into the taunting. Bulldozer has gained more interest in what is happening.

WRECKER

Wasn't my decision, Piledriver.

The Canadian Penal Reform program said I had to be a janitor.
That's all it is.

2. Medium on Piledriver, now behind Bulldozer, laughing at the Wrecker's statements. But clearly, there is some malice behind the laughter. Bulldozer is still uncomfortable.

PILEDRIVER

It's humiliating, is what it is! The man behind the Wrecking Crew, reduced to cleaning up after a bunch of nothing convicts. It's a damn joke-and-a-half, right, Bulldozer?

BULLDOZER

Leave me out of it.

3. Close up on Wrecker, angry. He is yelling at his teammates and pointing at himself.

WRECKER

That's the respect you give me?
I'm your freakin' leader!

4. Thunderball stands up, still pissed as hell, pointing at Wrecker. Piledriver is taken aback a little at the swiftness of Thunderball's movements.

THUNDERBALL

No, you're a loser. The only thing you ever led us to was defeat.

Everyone's kicked our ass. The Avengers. The Fantastic Four. Those prick kids out in L.A. And finally, we lost to Omega Flight...

5. Extreme close up on Wrecker's face. He is clearly pissed off.

THUNDERBALL
(connected)
...so now, you can lead us in prison-cleaning.

PAGE 3:

1: Piledriver has his hand on Thunderball's back, like he's congratulating him on making a point. Bulldozer looks up at him.

PILEDRIVER
This wouldn't have happened if
you had been our leader,
Thunderball.

THUNDERBALL
Ha! I know, right?!

I'm literally a nuclear scientist and
we've been following around a
punch-drunk construction worker
with a magic crowbar, like a bunch
of idiots.

2: Bulldozer gestures over to the Wrecker, who is seething behind him.

BULLDOZER
Hey guys, at least up here in
Canada, we didn't end up in that
Negative Zone prison.

3. A slight look up at Thunderballs face. He is smug and condescending to Bulldozer.

THUNDERBALL
No, 'Dozer. The Negative Zone is
for serious super villains. Wrecker
would never rate anything like
that.

4. Wrecker yells and rushes at a shocked looking Thunderball. Piledriver and Bulldozer look surprised.

WRECKER

SCREW YOU!

PAGE 4:

1. Wrecker punches the crap out of Thunderball's face, dropping him. Thunderball is spitting blood.
2. Angle up on an enraged Wrecker savagely punching the off-panel Thunderball. Blood is flying everywhere. Bulldozer and Piledriver look down at Thunderball. Piledriver is shocked. Bulldozer is blank looking.

WRECKER

Serious enough for you now?

3. Same shot as in panel 2, but with Wrecker punching with is other hand. Piledriver looks repulsed. Bulldozer still has a blank look.

WRECKER

(big)

Am I serious enough for you now?

4. The guards are dragging Wrecker away but he is fighting to get back at Thunderball. He is enraged and desperate. Thunderball is a bloody mess on the floor. One eye is swollen shut. He is lying right next to Wrecker's janitor cart. Piledriver looks down at Thunderball in a mixture of pity and empathy.

GUARD

Get him off!

GUARD

Get him out of here! Now!

WRECKER

I am the Wrecking Crew! Me!

PILEDRIVER

(to Thunderball)

You all right?

5. Close up of Thunderball's mangled face. It should look very swollen and sore, with his eye completely swollen shut. He should look like he is racked with pain, but he also has a huge crazy grin on his face.

THUNDERBALL

I'm better than all right. Let's do it.

PAGE 5

1. We see Thunderball from behind. He is squirting different liquids from the cart into the mop bucket. Bulldozer and Piledriver look tense and alert and are running defense for him.

BULLDOZER

Do this fast, Thunderball.

2. Wrecker is still struggling against the guards. He looks enraged and crazy. One of the guards is looking over at what Thunderball is doing and looks curious.

GUARDS

Wait! Wait!

What the hell are the rest of them doing?

3. Close up on Thunderball over the bubbling stew in the bucket. He is holding a small metal box over the liquid. He looks intense but is still very smug that his plan is working.

BULLDOZER

(offpanel)

They're on to us. Hurry!

THUNDERBALL

Just gotta drop in the thing I had
Piledriver build in the shop.

4. A guard is grabbing Thunderball's arm as he prepares to throw the contents of the bucket onto the prison wall. Piledriver is pulling the guard's midsection off the ground and the guard is struggling to hold onto Thunderball's arm. It is clear that Thunderball is going to be able to get his mixture onto the wall.

GUARD
Nooo! Stop him!

SFX
FSSTFFSSSSTTTTTSSSS

PAGE 6:

1. Close up on the outside of the prison. The background is serene and woodsy. A section of the wall is blowing outwards from an explosion.

SFX
THOOM

2. We see Thunderball from the outside of the prison looking out of the little-less-than-man-sized hole he has blown through the prison. He should look ragged but still very pleased with himself. Piledriver is running back into the prison and Bulldozer is peering out. The guard from before is knocked out on the floor.

THUNDERBALL
Piledriver! Bulldozer! Get Wrecker
and let's get the hell out of here!

3. Long shot in profile of the Wrecking Crew running through the forest. They're in a hurry. Thunderball is a little limpy comparatively.

WRECKER
I can't believe you, Thunderball.

4. Thunderball stops running. He is holding his side. His face is still a mess.

THUNDERBALL
I know! My plan was perfect. I
worked on it for weeks.

We couldn't tell you before,
because our fight had to look real,

to distract the guards. I had
everything figured out to the last
detail.

5. The four men are standing in a circle in the woods. Wrecker is closest to us. He is looking at the smiling Thunderball.

WRECKER
No, I get your plan. You
misunderstood what I said.

PAGE 7.

Splash page. A furious Wrecker batters an unsuspecting Thunderball in the face, dropping him. This should just be as brutal as all hell. Bulldozer and Piledriver are out and out stunned looking at Wrecker unleash on Thunderball.

WRECKER
(huge)
I can't believe you!

PAGE 8:

1. Wrecker kicks Thunderball, who is lying on the ground, in the side.

WRECKER
You have some guts, Thunderball.
Hatching that jail break.

2. A smiling Wrecker squats down next to the struggling and messed up looking Thunderball. Thunderball is shaking and struggling to look up.

WRECKER
Making sure everything was
perfect. Getting Piledriver and

Bulldozer to help you out. But you forgot one thing.

3. Wrecker pushes Thunderball's face into the dirt. He is leaning in close to his ears.

WRECKER

I lead the Wrecking Crew, not you.

4. Wrecker stands up over Thunderball's body, brushing his hands. Thunderball has passed out. Piledriver is looking at the Wrecker in fear. Bulldozer looks down in pity at Thunderball.

WRECKER

I lead and I make all the plans. And it's always going to be that way.

5. The Wrecker walks away from the scene and towards the reader. Bulldozer and Piledriver stand back with Thunderball who is still passed out on the ground.

WRECKER

Pick him up and carry him, guys. We still got a long-ass way to get back to America.

BULLDOZER

Yeah, Wrecker.

PILEDRIIVER

Sure thing, boss.

CAPTION

End.